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Steve Hodges SRS Mining 710 North 100 West P.O. Box 874 Beaver, Utah 84713

Subject: Closure of Site, SRS Mining, Flake 1, S/027/019, Millard County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hodges:

On September 21, 2005, we received your variance request letter. It addressed the basic variance protocol. 1) previous disturbance existed; 2) the BLM agreed to leave the site as a rock hounding site; and 3) no vegetation existed prior to you beginning your operation. You have also backfilled the area, cleaned up the equipment left behind and, to a small extent some native vegetation has already become established.

In a September 26, 2005, phone conversation with Jerry Mansfield of the BLM and Tom Munson of this office, the BLM has agreed to release the site. A formal letter is forthcoming. Once this letter is received from the BLM, the Division is willing to release the site and close the permit.

Thank you for cleaning up the area before requesting release. Please be advised that you are responsible for the site until you have received an official written release. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me or Tom Munson.

Sincerely,

Susan M. White Permit Coordinator

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cc: Jerry Mansfield, BLM Fillmore

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